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Judge Evans Makes Republicans.

The republicana party owes a vote of thanks to Judge W. H. Evans, chairman of the democratic state committee, for the judge has made Phelps county safely and permanently republican.

After the last election the democrats contested some of the offices in Phelps county carried by the republicans. The contests were based on the soldiers' home vote, which went almost solidly republican. The democrats held that the old warriors, who had risked their lives in defense of the country, had no right to take part in the election.

Judge Woodside, of the circuit court, was to have tried the case, but he was ill when it came up at Rolla recently. Judge Evans took his place and his decision was against the old soldiers. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and a reversal of the Evans decision is expected.

But, however the case may end, it cannot affect popular sentiment in the matter. Not only do the republicans resent the overruling of the war veterans, but there are many democrats who hold that the soldiers should enjoy the privilege of voting. Most of these have turned against their party and are lined up strongly for republicanism.

When Judge Evans accepted the leadership of his party it was argued that he should resign from the bench. Had he done so, Phelps county would have still been an uncertain quantity, politically. That he did not resign is cause for republican congratulations.

About Missouri.

The story on Missouri resources, natural and agricultural, compiled from the report of Labor Commissioner Wm. Anderson, would seem almost fabulous, were it not backed up by facts and figures. His report gives Missouri first place among the states in eggs, zinc, poultry and mules. It shows that Missouri holds fourth place in the value of live stock and ranks among the first in the value of its manufactured products. Her land values are on the increase, which shows that there is a demand for real estate in the state. Immigration is setting in, and during the past year 150,000 acres of government land were entered and put under cultivation. Missouri is not great alone in mineral and agricultural wealth. From Washington, D. C., came a bulletin giving her first rank in the number of frogs exported from the state. Think of it, Missouri leads the other states in the number and quantity of frog legs, one of the greatest delicacies that mortal man ever set his tooth upon. Missouri produces practically all the necessities of life. If a high wall were built about her borders, her people could go on living and enjoying life just the same. Her fertile plains groaning under the weight of growing crops, her serried hills with their untold mineral wealth, her navigable streams and railroads hurrying marketward with her bountiful surplus, all speak a language of peace and prosperity for her people. Missouri is not rich alone in mineral wealth, but she is rich in culture, education and religion. From almost every hillside in every part of the state the Missouri school-house looms up, and church spires, bespeaking a godly people, are almost as numerous. There are no better people in the world than Missourians, for they have been culled from the best in every state.—Jefferson City Republican-Review.

E. B. Allen, internal revenue collector, left Monday noon for St. Louis to assume the duties of his office, and the hundred or more who are applicants for places under him are sticking closer to the anxious seat than ever.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Our Regular Correspondent Writes From the National Capitol.

The man who a few years ago was known only as a clever lawyer and who has since been secretary of war and is now secretary of state will without doubt take rank—in fact, has already taken rank—with Seward, Hay and other great diplomatists and chancellors. Not a week passes but that his intelligent and expert influence is felt in the great affairs of this country. The adjustment of our strained relations with Germany during the last week is by no means the least of his accomplishments. It is true we made in that negotiation an important concession to German traders. We did not vary the tariff, but we did arrange for an appraisal of German goods at the port of departure before the goods were shipped. This, to the mind of anyone who knows the importing business and the ways of American appraisers, was sheer decency—no more. But out of this concession the state department secured an extension of the present trade agreement with Germany for sixteen months and placed us on the same footing as the European nations with whom Germany has negotiated new commercial treaties. It was Mr. Root's first big piece of international diplomacy. To be sure, he had previously headed the Alaskan boundary commission and secured the interpretation of the old Russian treaty that came near disrupting the British Empire. But that was done by active work as an advocate. The present triumph was won by sitting still. Of course, Germany might have elected in the extremity to declare a tariff war. Possibly Secretary Root knew she would not. Anyhow, he sat still and let the other man walk the floor. Baron von Sternburg came near taking rooms at the state department in the last two weeks. He spent a lot of money in cable tolls to his home government. And, to judge from the result, the burden of those messages must have been: "Secretary of state says, 'Nothing doing.'" Anyone who knows Secretary Root's placid exterior can imagine his leaning back behind the broad desk in his office and saying to the German ambassador: "Awfully sorry, you know, but you see yourself how indifferent the senate is. I am afraid there is nothing to be done. Have another cigar." And thus was a great diplomatic triumph achieved. If the case had called for different treatment, the secretary probably would have been there with the treatment. But the result in all probability would have been the same.

The senate is having a lot of trouble over the Philippine tariff bill. Mr. Hathaway, who was sent out to the island to make a case against the bill and notably succeeded, has been followed before the senate committee that is holding the hearings by Mr. George Bronson Ray, who has also made a study of sugar conditions on the ground, and who assures the committee, as did Governor Wright, that there is no prospect of the islands swamping this country with Philippine sugar. Mr. Ray assured the committee that there was neither the land nor the labor available for any immense increase in the sugar output and that before a great crop of sugar could be economically grown there would have to be an influx of American capital and American machinery such as was decidedly unlikely until the islands were at least a decade more advanced. He said that the bill as it had been framed was a necessary and just concession to the commercial necessities of the islands and there was no harm to be apprehended from it to the American beet sugar or cand sugar industries.

Another move in the current crusade to secure fair and equal treatment for all shippers in the United States is a bill just introduced by Mr. Rhinock, of Kentucky, to declare the

pipe lines common carriers and subject them to the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission. If this measure becomes a law, it ought to afford a great deal of relief to the oil shippers of the country, who have frequently declared that they are wholly at the mercy of the pipe lines that transport their oil. As the case now stands, there are many localities where the pipe lines have not even the nominal competition of the railroads and where they are able to buy or, what is the same thing, transport the crude oil at their own price and demand their own price for delivering it to the refineries. The pipe lines have always held that they were not common carriers within the meaning of the act, but the Rhinock bill purposes to make them so, and, if it succeeds, there will be a chorus of rejoicing from the oil shippers.

David Ross, the purchasing agent of the Panama canal commission, was before the senate canal committee this week and frankly told the committee that the commission had bought rails in this country for from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a ton less than the mills sold the same rails to American railroads. He said the roads were familiar with the state of affairs and were willing to see the export market lower for the sake of bringing business to this country. He said the same thing was true of many of the other supplies purchased. For instance, locomotives were bought for less than the same companies sold them for in the states. The American railroads knew this too, but they were willing to stand it.

Missouri Republicans Active.

Everywhere in Missouri republicans are up and arming for the fray. Never in the history of the state has such activity been, so far in advance of an election, and never was the determination to sweep all so strongly evinced by the party. From all sides comes news of organization, meetings and enthusiasm over early primaries is the rule.

Republicanism's big, first victory last election is partially accountable for the exceptional activity, but it by no means explains it all.

The state committee's plan of organization is another potent reason. The splendid way it has been spread abroad through the state has awakened every republican to a sense of his duty to the party and to a realization of the opportunity that is offered him to do telling work.

Men who have not voted in years are now out and doing for republicanism and the probabilities are that the state and county elections this fall will show that democracy is buried beyond possible resurrection in Missouri.

Live-Stock Report.

According to the United States department of agriculture, the number and value of farm animals in the United States on January 1 last was: Horses, 18,718,578; average price, \$80.72; total value, \$1,510,889,906; mules, 3,404,361; average price, \$98.31; total value, \$334,680,520; milch cows, 19,790,866; average price, \$29.44; total value, \$582,788,592; other cattle, 47,067,656; average price, \$15.85; total value, \$746,171,709; sheep, 50,631,619; average price, \$3.54; total value, \$179,056,144; swine, 52,102,847; average price, \$6.18; total value, \$321,802,571.

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Date, March 3, 1906.

ALLEN HALL,
Administrator.

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